

FRINTON-ON-SEA
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



Annual Report
OF
Medical Officer of Health
1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Frinton-on-Sea Urban District Council:—

The Annual Report for 1925, is this year to be not only a record of what has actually happened in this town during this year but in addition a résumé of the measures of progress made in the area during the past five years.

In a town which is of such recent origin and development as Frinton there is not much to report.

Its sewage disposal and water supply, which are two of the main sources of trouble in an Urban District, are modern and efficient.

The houses and cottages are of modern construction and conform to the bye-laws, with plenty of air space, light, and ventilation, no overcrowding, and very little, if any, unemployment amongst the working classes.

Its acreage is still 422.

Population (Census 1921) 3,037, allowed by Registrar General for 1925, 2,093.

Physical Features,—flattish in contour, clay subsoil, with a mile and a quarter adjoining the sea.

Number of inhabited houses in 1925, 577.

Number of families in 1925 ... say 590.

Rateable value of a penny rate in 1925, £101.

Occupation of working classes,—carpenters and such like trades engaged in building, and gardeners.

Tradespeople, retired merchants, and pleasure seekers.

Professional men and merchants living in Frinton, and journeying to London for business purposes.

Poor Law Relief, practically nil.

The hospitals used in severe cases are:—The Essex County Hospital, Colchester, 18 miles distant; The Clacton Cottage Hospital, $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant, both partly supported by voluntary contributions from this town; The Colchester Isolation Hospital, to which infectious cases are sent and subsidized by the town to the extent of £35 per annum (for the first two cases).

The general health conditions are excellent.

There are no maternity or childwelfare centres or clinics and in my opinion none are necessary in this little place.

Ambulance facilities obtainable from Clacton and Colchester.

Public Health Officers :

One Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, whole time.

One Assistant Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, whole time.

One Medical Officer of Health, part time.

Professional Nursing obtained from nursing homes, locally and from London.

Frinton and Walton Nursing Society provide two nurses, one of them a C.M.B. in attendance on the poor in Frinton, Walton, Holland and Kirby, supported partly by voluntary contributions, partly by fees obtained from the patients.

One midwife practises, the afore-mentioned C.M.B.

Reports on the Bacteriological examination of the milk supply taken about three times a year are published by the Council.

Legislation in force, F.O.S. Act, 1903.

Water.—Ample in quantity, constant, of good quality, and supplied direct to the houses, obtained from the Tendring Hundred Water Co's. wells at Mistley.

Drainage and Sewerage, direct outlet into the sea.

Closets.—All closets are water flushed.

Removal of House Refuse by contract, weekly, and at times more frequently.

Sanitary Inspection by the Surveyor.

Schools.—Sanitary condition and water supply efficient.

Sanitary Inspection :—

No. of Inspections during year, 9.

Result, nuisance abated, ... 1.

General Housing, no shortage. Overcrowding, none.

General Standard of Houses in the Area, excellent.

Bye-laws relating to houses, tents, vans, sheds, etc., none, and none required.

Number of New Houses erected during year, 18.

With State Assistance, by Local Authority, 9.

Unfit dwelling houses, nil.

No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied, 1.

No. of defects remedied by owner, 1.

1. Inspections and supervision of food—frequent.

2. Number of licenses granted for the sale of milk under special designation, 3.

Summarized result of Bacteriological Examination of samples:—Six samples taken. All negative as to tubercle. Meat Inspection. All meatshops have been periodically inspected. All factories and workshops have been inspected and no adverse reports made.

During the early months of the summer attempts were made to allay the mosquito nuisance that had been so much in evidence during the past year, by poisoning the sea wall ponds with Lawes disinfectant and corrosive sublimate.

No larvae were found in these ponds during the year although repeated attempts were made to discover them and the number of mosquitos seen in the town very greatly diminished, in fact, I have never seen so few during the 28 years that I have been connected with Frinton. I have again this March treated the ponds with corrosive sublimate and I hope there will be the same absence of the pest during the coming season.

Infectious diseases notifiable during 1925:—

Scarlet Fever, 10, all of a very mild type.

Pneumonia, 1; Tuberculosis, 1.

Pathological and Bacteriological specimens are sent to the Eastern Counties' Laboratories.

One Diphtheria Contact and 3 Tubercular specimens were sent, all negative.

No use has been made of the Schick or Dick tests.

The tuberculosis dispensary for this district is at Clacton-on-Sea, seven miles distant.

There have been notified to me during the past ten years, ten cases only, seven of them belonging to the working classes so that but little use has been made of this dispensary. Any case in Frinton is visited from time to time by a visiting official from Clacton.

On two occasions I have protested against our estimated population, the result each year being unsatisfactory, and I think it useless to waste more time over a matter that really does the well-being of the town no good or harm.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

G. CRAIGIE BELL,
Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Deaths:—Males 8, females 7, total 15, giving a death rate of 7·4 per 1,000.

Births:—Males 8, females 17, total 25, giving a birth rate of 12·4 per 1,000.

Ten cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, all of a very mild type.

FRINTON SANITARY DISTRICT.

1. Deaths at various ages during 1925.

Age.	No. of Deaths.
Under 1 year ...	3
1 and under 2 ...	—
2 „ „ 5 ...	1
5 „ „ 15 ...	—
15 „ „ 25 ...	—
25 „ „ 45 ...	—
45 „ „ 65 ...	3
65 and upwards ...	8
Total	15

2. Stillbirths notified during 1925.

No. Notified by Midwives, nil.

No. Notified by Doctors or Parents, nil.

Signed, G. CRAIGIE BELL,
Medical Officer of Health

15th March, 1926.

